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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY 2013 CROPS UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **Corn** for grain, with a yield of 170 bushels per acre, was estimated at 5.3 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2012. Corn for silage yield was 23 tons per acre and total production was 1.1 million tons, 9 percent below the previous year.

At 2.4 million bushels, **barley** production was up by 14 percent from the previous year. Barley yield was 79 bushels per acre. **All wheat** production at 5.5 million bushels was 11 percent lower than in 2012. Yield was estimated at 44.5 bushels per acre. **Winter wheat** yield was 44 bushels per acre and production was 4.8 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2012 production. **Other spring wheat** production came in at 672 thousand bushels, 29 percent above last year. Yield was 48 bushels per acre.

Production of **all hay** totaled 2.7 million tons, 14 percent more than a year earlier. All hay yield was 3.8 tons per acre. **Alfalfa hay** production came to 2.3 million tons, 13 percent above last year. Yield was 4.2 tons per acre. Production of **other hay** was 420 thousand tons, 25 percent more than the 2012 production. Other hay yield was 2.4 tons per acre.

Safflower 2013 production came in at 14.8 million pounds, 61 percent above 2012. Yield was 570 pounds per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production in the United States is estimated at a record 13.9 billion bushels, down slightly from the November 1 forecast but 29 percent above 2012. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 158.8 bushels per acre. This is down 1.6 bushels from the November forecast but 35.4 bushels above the 2012 average yield of 123.4 bushels per acre.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2013 is estimated at 136 million tons, down 3 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 13 percent from the 2012 total. Area harvested is estimated at 58.3 million acres, up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 4 percent from last year. The average yield, at 2.33 tons per acre, is down 0.14 ton from August but up 0.20 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2013 is estimated at 57.6 million tons, down 4 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 11 percent from 2012. Harvested area, at 17.8 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and 3 percent above the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.24 tons per acre, 0.15 ton below the August 1 forecast but up 0.23 ton from 2012. Production **all other hay** in 2013 totaled 78.4 million tons, down 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and 16 percent above 2012. Harvested area, at 40.5 million acres, is up 4 percent from both August and last year. Average yield is estimated at 1.93 tons per acre, down 0.12 ton from August but up 0.19 ton from last year.

Production of **safflower** in 2013, at 209 million pounds, is up 17 percent from 2012 but is the fifth lowest production since records began in 1991. Growers planted 175,500 acres in 2013, an increase of 3 percent from last year's planted area. Harvested area, at 170,000 acres, is up 6 percent from the previous year. Average yield, at 1,232 pounds per acre, increased 111 pounds from 2012. The yield in Montana was the highest on record, more than 20 percent above the previous record high.

A full copy of the *Annual Crop Summary* is available online at www.nass.usda.gov.